Big Rally in Peking May Be Viet Protest

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PEKING, July 21 — The Communist Chinese capital prepared today for a mass demonstration that looked as though it might turn into one of the largest protest rallies against American action in Vietnam since the war began. It was not officially announced when the demonstration might take place.

Workmen erected huge billboards for slogans at the entrance of the Tien An Mtn (Heavenly Peace) Square in the city center, and television cameras and microphones were installed. Chinese leaders were expected to address a crowd, which may be as great as 100,000, from a balcony on the golden-roofed Tien An Men gate.

News agency dispatches reported these other developments:

• In Vientiane, Laos, North Vietnamese charge d'affaires Nguyen Chanh denied a report that Cambodian Prince Norodom Sihanouk had invited North Vietnamese President Ho Chi Minh to visit Cambodia in September when President de Gaulle will be there.

Waverley Root of The Washington Post cabled that the report of such an invitation was published in a Paris newspaper on Wednesday, and that Ho was rumored to have invited Sihanouk to Hanoi instead.

• In Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, riot police armed with tear gas cordoned off the U.S. Embassy when university students approached with a statement denouncing the American bombing raids in the Hanoi and Haiphong areas.

• A broadcast from Hanoi reported that North Vietnam is protesting to the International Control Commission against American raids on the harbor area of Haiphong in which U.S. planes were alleged to have "savagely" bombed a number of populated sections.

• U.S. diplomats in New Delhi were reported to have conveyed to India American displeasure over two statements relating to Vietnam in the joint communique that Prime Minister Indira Gandhi signed in Moscow with Premier Alexei N. Kosygin.